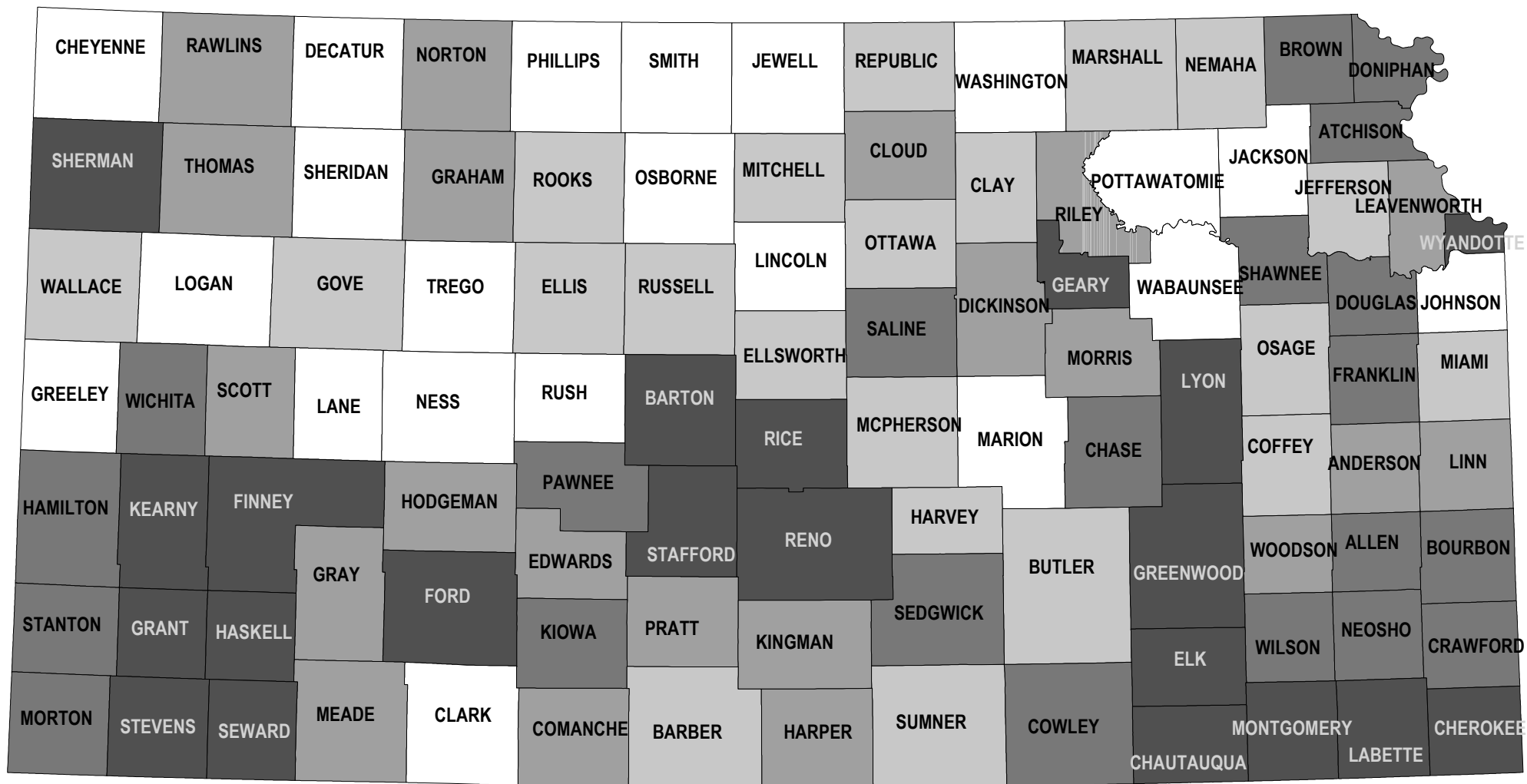


# Perinatal Index



The Perinatal Index is a tool which combines key perinatal indicators into one number. It is simply a tool; it does not tell the whole story. To see the individual perinatal indicators and their values, refer to the Perinatal Index Table, another Joint State Needs Assessment product. Use the Perinatal Index in conjunction with other data, program information, research, and the expert opinion of key stakeholders in your community.

A color map is also available which provides slightly more detail. The "High" group of counties is broken into two groups: "Very High" and "High" comparative need.

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## Comparative Need

